

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 664

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to recognize Reba Manning on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Reba Manning is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty years as the owner and operator of Goodlettsville Ace Hardware and will soon be taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, after purchasing the property with her husband, Ken Manning, and her brother in July of 1977, Reba was instrumental in the opening of the Goodlettsville Ace Hardware in January of 1978; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Manning adopted the day-to-day duties of running the store when her husband passed away on Labor Day of 1978 and, from that fateful day, has dedicated to the business the highest tenets of small business ownership; with the assistance of her son, Gary, she built the Goodlettsville Ace Hardware into one of the finest branches of the franchise, one that has been recognized several times by the Ace Hardware corporation for its excellent performance; and

WHEREAS, over the past thirty years, Ms. Manning has cultivated an atmosphere within the confines of her business that serves to make both customers and employees feel welcomed and appreciated; and

WHEREAS, Reba Manning is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the Goodlettsville Chamber of Commerce, to which she dedicated her time and energies as a member of the

Board of Directors and by which the Goodlettsville Ace Hardware was one of the first three businesses inducted into the local business hall of fame; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Manning exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, she has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and customers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Reba Manning our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.